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Gen. Haig - Secretary Kissinger

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12:55 p. m.

K: How are things going?

H: Good, good. How about you, how did the press conference go?

K: I sort of was very even handed so the Jewish Community. They might be mad. I think my task is to keep the Arabs quiet and the Soviets quiet while slowing.....stop there.

H: You know the Soviets have alerted three airborne divisions.

K: Well, I am seeing Dobrynin for lunch. If they did that, that's it.

H: They are going to force us to counter. We can't ignore that.

K: How did you learn about it.

H: Latest SitRep.

K: Absolutely. If they do that we are going in. Tell that to Dobrynin at lunch, but we better alert some of ours.

H: Yep. Well, I think, if it's true, I haven't seen it...

K: It's one of those code word exercises.....Is he going to announce the Vice President at 8:30?

H: 9:00.

K: I thought it was 8:30.

H: Its always been 9:00.

K: I was told to be there at 8:30. East Room?

H: We want you there and seated for preliminary camera work, etc.

K: Has he decided?

H: Yes, he has decided. You won't be unhappy, you won't be happy. but you won't be unhappy.

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K: If it isn't Conally I will be all right. That's a no no. I think if it's a neutral choice. I told him when he asked me Thursday I preferred Rockefeller. From his point of view, I could see having someone permitted a campaign between Conally and Rockefeller after 74. ....no that gives me no pain.

H: like our aim you know,

K: I am not saying a thing...

H: Absolutely. He's not telling anybody, not Laird, not Ron, nobdy.

K: Look, I'm not going to say a thing. I have the Saudi Foreign Minister...

H: I, OK Henry, I haven't told him anything about the Soviet thing.

K: I will increase the readiness of our forces.

H: Something they can read, but no one else can.

K: Yah.

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